

CITY INTELLIGENCE.

SWELTERING WEATHER.

The stifling heat of July—A Very Hot Month, but Not Quite as Hot as in the Past—Comparisons of July Weather for Thirty Years—Terrible Effect of the Heat on the Death Rate.

The month which has just closed was so very warm that many of its sweltering victims jumped at the hasty conclusion that it was the warmest July on record in this locality. Now that it is over, and the aspirations of a meteorologist have sustained a perceptible check, it is a satisfaction to know that in July, 1870, the thermometer did not make as high a record as it has in the corresponding month in past years. In the following table are given the minimum and maximum for each day, in comparison with the corresponding days of last year, according to the record kept at the Pennsylvania Hospital—

Table with columns for Year, Max. (Day), Min. (Night), and Remarks. Rows compare 1870 and 1869 for each day of the month.

This shows a mean temperature during the month of 80.43 degrees, which comes within less than half a degree of being the highest mean for the month on record in this city. The average of the mean temperatures of the month of July since 1790 has been 75.76 degrees, or 4.67 degrees below that of the month just closed.

Table with columns for Year, Mean Highest Temp., Mean Lowest Temp., and Remarks. Rows list years from 1811 to 1869.

From this it will be seen that the mean temperature of July, 1869, was 80.94 degrees, or nearly one-third of a degree above that of July of the present year, while the mean temperature of the month of 1868 was 80.67 degrees, less than one-third of a degree below that of last month.

Although the mean of last month was unusually and almost unprecedentedly high, the highest point attained by the thermometer at the Pennsylvania Hospital, 97 degrees, was not the highest on record during the past few years, and even fell a half degree below the maximum point of July, 1869, although the mean temperature of that month was but 76.54 degrees, only three degrees above the average of the mean temperatures of the month for eighty years past.

Table with columns for Year, Max., Min., and Remarks. Rows compare 1869 and 1870 for each day of the month.

From this it is seen that July 17, 1869, was the warmest July day since 1840, and probably one of the warmest ever known here. July 18, 1869, July 15, 1868, and July 10, 1860, were all warmer than the warmest day of last month, the 17th, by from one-half to one degree.

During the month just closed the thermometer reached the dazzling height of the nineties on thirteen different days; during July, 1869, this elevation was 80 degrees, while during the month of July, 1868, on eleven different days; during July, 1867, on six days only, never going above 92.5 degrees, and during July, 1866, on eleven different days.

From the 5th to the 18th of July, 1869, the maximum ranged between 89 and 92.5 degrees, except on two days, only; it did not reach 90 degrees again during the month. From the 2d to the 19th of July, 1868, the range of the maximum was between 88 and 93 degrees, except on one day, when the highest point was 94 degrees, while during the remainder of the month the maximum did not go above 86 degrees except on one day, when 88 degrees were marked, the general range being between 80 and 84 degrees.

From the 11th to the 29th of July, 1867, the range of the maximum was between 88 and 97 degrees, except on two days, when the highest points reached were 86 and 87.5 degrees. So the excessively hot spell of July, 1870, lasted 18 days; that of July, 1867, 17 days; and that of July, 1868, 15 days. This fairly gives the championship of hot days to the present year, although the mean and maximum points of the month have been slightly exceeded in the past.

The effect of the excessive heat on the death rate during the past month affords the most striking indication of its severity. In the following tables are given the comparative figures of the four weeks from the 2d to the 30th of July, 1870, and the corresponding period from the 2d to the 31st of July, 1869—

Table with columns for Total deaths, 1st week, 2nd week, 3rd week, 4th week. Rows compare 1870 and 1869.

Total deaths, four weeks. 1870, 1710. 1869, 1616. Particularly noticeable, however, was the increase in the last two weeks of the corresponding months—

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The rain fall of the month just closed amounted to 3.95 inches, in comparison with 2.88 inches in July, 1869, and 5.1 inches in July, 1868.

APPOINTED.—The Governor has appointed John B. Moffat, Esq., a notary public. Mr. Moffat is treasurer of the Green and Coates Street Railway.

EXPORTS.

The Business of the City in Domestic Exports During the Month of July, 1870—Tables of the Ports Shipped to, and the Nationalities of the Vessels.

The exports of commodities, produce and manufactures, exported to foreign countries in American and foreign vessels, from the port of Philadelphia, during the month of July last, includes large quantities of many of our most important articles of merchandise and manufactured goods. Among the articles thus exported may be mentioned breadstuffs, of which all kinds a quantity was sent equal in value to \$137,275. Of petroleum, 5,767,343 gallons of refined and 394,908 gallons of crude oil were sent, equal in value to \$1,585,247. In provisions, \$28,140 worth were sent, including all kinds of meats and vegetables. There were 114,032 gallons of molasses, worth \$36,803. Copperage and wooden ware were sent to the value of \$34,080; boards to the value of \$15,289, and machinery, car wheels, and other iron manufactures to the value of \$17,091. There were also 581,281 pounds of oil cake, worth \$13,393; 85,875 pounds of candles, worth \$4050, and oak bark for tanning to the amount of \$3650.

The following is a tabular statement of the exports during the month to the following foreign countries—

Table with columns for Country, In American Vessels, In Foreign Vessels, and Total. Rows list countries like Brazil, Cuba, etc.

Imports during July, 1870, \$207,669. In 1869, \$1,455,379. The following is a statement of the nationalities of the vessels—

Table with columns for Nationality, Number, and Value. Rows list American, British, North German, Italian, Swedish.

O. W. B.—David Price, for beating his wife in a shocking manner, was arrested by Lieutenant Flaherty. While on the way to a station house Price attempted to escape, demanding it necessary to accomplish that end to shoot roughly upon the officer. He did not succeed, however, and Alderman Bolshaw committed him to a residence in Moyamensing. His former place of abode was in St. Mary street.

Michael Dougherty, residing on Lehman street, Germantown, beat his wife, who is in a delicate state of health. He knocked her and kicked her about the head in a most brutal manner. The unfortunate woman was picked up in an insensible condition, and is at present not expected to recover. The doctor, who was called, has arrested, and Alderman Thomas held him to await the result of his wife's injuries.

POLICE STATISTICS.—The following table shows the number of arrests made by the police during the month just passed—

Table with columns for District, Number, and Remarks. Rows list various districts like 1st, 2nd, 3rd, etc.

UNSUCCESSFUL BURGLARS.—Between 9 and 3 o'clock yesterday morning the green grocery store of Hinckson & Manson, at Thirty-seventh and Market streets, was entered by burglars by prying off the rear shutter of the store. The burglars, who were armed with the safe, succeeded in blowing the door through to smash. All the plunder they received for their pains was a few insurance policies, as the members of the firm had left nothing in the safe. The fellows then left the place in disgust. None of them have been captured.

ACCIDENT TO A BOY.—Yesterday, at about twelve o'clock, Frederick Beck, a little fellow of nine years, residing at Twenty-second street and Girard avenue, climbed a tree in that neighborhood in company with other boys. By some mishap or carelessness he missed his hold, and fell to the ground, fracturing his left arm, and dislocating it at the elbow joint. He was taken to the office of Dr. Steeg, where his injuries were cared for. He is now doing finely.

THE FOURTH EXCURSION of Beck's Philadelphia Band took place this morning. The excursionists occupied nineteen cars, and numbered nearly 1000 persons. The popularity of these trips is becoming more and more apparent each week. The fifth excursion will be given on Thursday, the 11th instant. The pleasure seekers will be taken around New York Bay and Staten Island.

SHOT IN THE HAND.—Brian O'Neill, while handling pistol at his residence on Canton street, below Twenty-fourth, was shot through the hand by his accidental discharge. A girl who was standing by received the ball in her nose, but fortunately without serious injury. O'Neill had his wound dressed at St. Joseph's Hospital.

CHASED WITH BURN.—Brian O'Donnell, crazed with liquor, created a riot on the corner of Richmond yesterday by dashing about the streets, chasing and assaulting every one he saw. He caught one woman and gave her a pair of black eyes. He then entered a carriage factory, and while there was arrested. Alderman Neill held him in \$200 bail on the charge of disturbing the peace.

IN BAD COMPANY.—A nameless personage last night visited the residence of Boston street by one Catharine McCann. From some cause or other a quarrel ensued during which Catharine struck the male belp with an ice pitcher, injuring him severely about the head. Alderman Quirk sent Catharine to Hotel de Moyamensing.

EXPLOSION OF A LAMP.—A coal-oil lamp exploded yesterday at the residence of George Shay, on Maple street, below Richmond. The carpet and a few articles of furniture took fire, but a few buckets of water extinguished it. One of the children of Mr. Shay was very severely burned.

BURGLAR CAPTURED.—The notorious John McLaughlin, alias "Gypsey," was arrested yesterday afternoon, and will have a hearing at the Central Station to-day. McLaughlin, it will be recollected, is charged with robbing the restaurant of Patterson Magnoy, at Front and Dock streets, some time ago.

A SUNDAY RAY.—James Beckley, the individual who a few days ago shot a man in Water street, No. 730 Race street, yesterday engaged in an altercation with one of his customers and beat him badly about the head. He was arrested and taken before Alderman Quirk, who held him in \$500 bail to answer.

STABBING AFFAIR.—Charles Boyle and John McGoldrich, at 2 o'clock yesterday morning, engaged in a fight at Blooming and Fitzwater streets, during which Boyle drew a long knife and inflicted an ugly wound in the side of McGoldrich. The assailant was arrested, and Alderman Bonnell sent him to prison.

ASSAULTING AN OFFICER.—James Dickey, for assaulting Policeman Gornley at Juniper and South streets yesterday afternoon, was sent to prison by Alderman Morrow.

ANOTHER IMPOSTOR.—A negro has been for the past week pestering the citizens of the Fourteenth ward with representations that he is connected with the Board of Health.

BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS.

Permits Issued During the Month of July. On Saturday we gave an account of the principal buildings erected during the month just passed. Below we append the full list of permits issued by the Building Inspectors for July—

Table with columns for Dwelling, Factory, Office, Station-house, Laundry, Foundry, Engine-house, Green-house, Additions and alterations, and Grand total. Rows list various building types.

During the month 18 dangerous buildings and chimneys and wooden structures were ordered to be taken down.

The following gives the comparison between the number of permits issued during the past month and July, 1869—

Table with columns for Dwelling, Three-story, Two-story, and Grand total. Rows compare 1870 and 1869.

SAFE ROBBERY.

The Presbyterian Publication House Entered. Early this morning thieves effected an entrance to the Presbyterian Book and Publication Office, No. 123 Chestnut street. They first scaled the wall in the rear, went out through the door, next through a shutter, and then through two more doors before they reached the store proper. To cover their operations they took one of their coats and hung it over the grating of the front door. This accomplished they turned their attention to the safe, which is built in the wall at the southeast end. Powder was first tried, but to no effect. The rascals then proceeded to the back door the brick work away, and prying open the casing took from the vault \$7500 in registered bonds, a lot of insurance policies, two dozen of gold pens valued at about \$60, and about \$20 in cash.

When the robbery was first discovered this morning the police were notified on the floor of the place, together with the policemen. The pens and cash the thieves carried off.

MARINE.—On Saturday night a party consisting of Abraham Howell, John Brierly, George Kirk, Charles Cameron, and Patrick O'Neill, stole a yacht from the wharf of the Kensington Water-works, and started up the river. The harbor police being notified were on the look-out, and on the return of the party at 10 o'clock last night the crew of boat No. 1 captured them. During the trip the rowdies looted the anchor and destroyed a considerable portion of the rigging. Alderman Cahill held each at \$500 bail.

ROWDYISM.—About 8 1/2 o'clock last evening a lot of rowdies, who come from 15 to 19 years, visited a locality in the southern part of our city, known as the Southwark Canal, and there two of the number indulged in what is called the manly art. Word being conveyed to Lieutenant Hendon, he was on duty with a squad of men immediately proceeded to the scene, and succeeded in arresting a part of the gang. They were taken before Alderman Dallas, who held them to keep the peace.

AN IMPOSTOR.—A fellow who gives the name of Thomas Holmes, and who hails from Doylestown, Pa., has for some days been deceiving our shoe manufacturers by representing that he was a shoemaker, and obtaining material upon which to work. His last transaction was the procuring of a lot of uppers from S. M. Ritter, No. 143 North 13th street. Yesterday Thomas was captured by Alderman Green. He will have a hearing to-day at the Central Station.

ATTEMPTED BURGLARY.—A burglar last night attempted to enter the residence of James Hagen, at Rising Sun, by prying off the cellar doors. A policeman observed his actions, allowed him to open and enter the cellar, and then arrested him. Alderman Good held the would-be robber in \$500 bail.

A THANKLESS CHILD.—Charles Lindhower, aged thirteen years, who resides at 830 Knox street, yesterday whipped his mother, and was going to finish her up with a butcher-knife. Her screams attracted the attention of a couple of officers, who entered and arrested the misfit son. He was taken before Alderman Massey, who committed him to prison.

SERIOUS ACCIDENT.—Michael McGrath, aged 29 years, residing at No. 618 Hamilton street, while engaged in coupling cars at Tenth and Green streets this morning at 7 o'clock, was caught between two of them and suffered severe injuries to one of his thighs.

DOGGING.—Peter Maguire and John B. Gilson were this morning arrested at Nineteenth and Hamilton streets, for interfering with the dog catcher. They were taken before Alderman Massey and held in \$500 bail each to answer.

TIL-TAPPING.—William Edwards yesterday afternoon was detected in stealing from the cash drawer of a beer saloon at Ninth and South streets. Edwards was arrested and taken before Alderman Collins, who sent him to prison.

AN EFFICIENT OFFICIAL.—City Treasurer Marcer on Friday last visited Harrisburg and paid in advance the State taxes, thus obviating the necessity of the committee having the city a considerable amount of money.

FATAL ACCIDENT.—John Curley, a workman in the employ of Mr. Armstrong, while lighting in a culvert this morning, in Ellsworth street, west of Gray's Ferry road, was struck in the head by an iron bucket and instantly killed.

HAND CRUSHED.—About 12-40 this afternoon Charles Antin had his hand badly crushed whilst coupling cars at the Reading Railroad Depot, Thirtieth and Chestnut streets. He was taken to the Pennsylvania Hospital.

PETTY LARCENY.—William Murray was yesterday sent to prison for robbing a man of the theft of a piece of rope from plan No. 1, Port Richmond.

BATHING.—Twelve young men were arrested yesterday for bathing in the Schuylkill. They were all fined.

CANINE.—During the week the dog detectives captured 119 unbranded curs. Of this number, 15 were redeemed.

MAD DOG.—A policeman shot a mad dog yesterday afternoon at Sixteenth and Censut streets.

SUNSTROKE.—A workman was overcome by the heat this morning at Front and Vine streets.

THE NATHAN MURDER.

No One to the Assassin Obtained—The Murderer Still a Mystery—The Police Hurd at Work in the Case.

The mystery of the terrible murder of Benjamin Nathan seems as if it will never be cleared away. Despite the persistent efforts of the shrewdest detectives in the Police Department, the murderer is still undiscovered, and no clue, even the minutest, seems to indicate that there is any immediate probability of the band being captured. The ghastly work was so completely done, the after tracks of the murderer were so cleanly covered, that even Superintendent Jordan, with all his great experience in criminal matters, can, up to the present, see no hope of discovery. The detective at work on the case are similarly situated; and, to use a plain expression, all the officers of the law are groping in the dark. The total absence of any fact to work on constitutes the almost unsurmountable difficulty in the case. The murderer, on completing his work, left behind him in the house of his victim nothing but a common iron "dog," and carried away a gold watch chain and seal with diamond epide, all of which he

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